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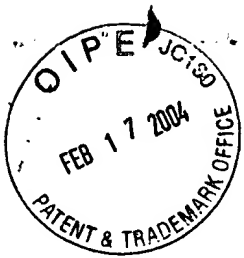
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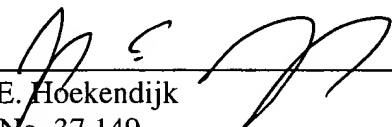
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 13, 2004 Applicants hereby elect the species of placing the component in a mechanically abrasive environment. Claims 1, 3-23 and 25-48 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7-23, 25-32, 41 and 43-46 are generic and claim 4 reads on the elected species.

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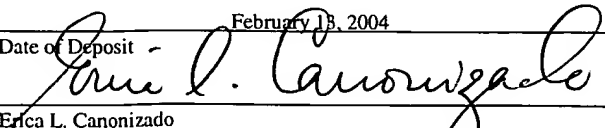
  
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